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SUMMARY

- ESL & English 5-12 MA DESE license holder
- M.Ed. in Teaching English to Students of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Expertise in the intersection of ESL, literacy, and urban education

EDUCATION

Boston University | Master of Education | TESOL | 4.0 August 2021
Boston College | Bachelor of Arts | Secondary Education | English May 2015

CERTIFICATIONS

Initial Massachusetts Certification | English as a Second Language | Grades 5-12
Initial Massachusetts Certification | English | Grades 5-12 | Sheltered English Immersion Endorsement
Teaching English as a Foreign Language Certificate | 120 hour course | i-to-i TEFL

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

English Language Teacher August 2021-present
Community Charter School of Cambridge | Cambridge, MA

- Coordinate and deliver targeted English language instruction according to WIDA ELD standards for a range of English Learners including newcomers, SLIFE, long term ELs, former ELs, and ELs with IEPs
- Collaborate with school staff, students, and families to ensure high school students enrolled in the ESL program receive appropriate accommodations and modifications to reach their individual ELD, IEP, and RTI goals through push-in and pull-out support
- Organize weekly meetings as advisor of the Language and Linguistics Club, guiding students to explore their interest in different languages and cultures including Japanese, Korean, and ASL

English as a Foreign Language Teacher July 2018-July 2020
Ominato High School | Aomori, Japan

- Taught academic and communicative English to 400+ students
- Assessed students' English proficiency and progress in all 4 language domains quarterly
- Hosted events and activities that showcase American culture and English language as supervisor of the English Club

Co-Teacher July 2016-June 2018
KIPP Academy Lynn Elementary | Lynn, MA

- Differentiated daily instruction for a class of 24 kindergarteners with a co-teacher through parallel teaching, targeted small groups, and one-on-one coaching
- Achieved average growth of 4.5 levels (38% above grade level) on the University of Chicago's STEP literacy assessment
- Oversaw the implementation of Lucy Calkins' standards-based Writers Workshop across the grade level through weekly collaborative planning and data analysis meetings

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MENTORED TEACHING

ESL Student Teacher

September 2020-May 2021

Brighton High School | Boston, MA

- Designed and implemented culturally sustaining curriculum for ESL II classes
- Collaborated with Supervising Practitioner to monitor classroom progress
- Maximized student engagement in a remote setting by utilizing educational technology

Teaching Fellow

August 2016-June 2017

KIPP Academy Lynn Elementary | Lynn, MA

- Improved teaching practice through daily mentorship with a lead teacher, weekly observations by the Vice Principal, and monthly professional development with a teaching fellow cohort

ELA Student Teacher

September 2014-December 2014

North Quincy High School | Quincy, MA

- Taught a 10th grade English class and a 12th grade honors British literature class for a full 14 week term
- Developed and administered an action-based research project on student-centered vocabulary instruction

Pre-Service Practicum

Supported whole group and small group instruction in the following classrooms:

- **Arlington High School** | 9th grade English | 12th grade creative writing Spring 2014
- **Dedham Middle School** | 6th grade English Language Arts Fall 2013
- **Brighton High School** | 9th grade English | ESL II Fall 2012

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Tri-Alpha National Honor Society

April 2021-present

Member

- Recognition and support network for high-achieving first-generation college students and graduates

MA Association of Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages (MATSOL)

September 2020-present

Member

- Participate in professional enrichment for ESL teachers across the state

U.S. Embassy Microgrant

October 2019

- Awarded grant funding to promote English literacy through the project “Multicultural & Multilingual Manga Library Collection”

Asian Pacific Islander Assoc. for Japan Exchange and Teaching (API AJET)

September 2018-July 2020

President

- Cultivated a network for 700 expatriates in Japan by facilitating discussions, events, and resources

Tutor

September 2014-December 2020

- Worked with students & families to set and achieve academic goals. Areas of focus included SAT prep, college counseling, critical reading, and persuasive writing